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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY COMMENDS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING ON $2.3 MILLION GRANT

ANNAPOLIS, MD (September 12, 2012) – Governor Martin O'Malley today commended Secretary Gloria Lawlah, of the Maryland Department of Aging, on receiving a $2.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Community Living.

 "Maryland is grateful and proud to be among the eight states selected to receive this competitive grant for our work in developing the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)," said Secretary Lawlah. "This is a glorious day for persons with disabilities, older adults, caregivers and their families because it will allow us to do even more to improve their quality of life."

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced $12.5 million in awards to Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) to enable older Americans and people with disabilities remain independent and receive long-term services and supports in the community. These grants, funded by the Affordable Care Act and the Older Americans Act, underwrite counselors who help individuals and their caregivers identify and access long-term care resources.

"Whether someone is in the hospital ready to be discharged, or living at home while needing additional care, an options counselor can help them evaluate their situation and sift through the choices available in their community to create a plan that meets their needs," Secretary Sebelius said.

In Maryland, the ADRCs are known as Maryland Access Points (MAPs), which provide helpful information on numerous resources throughout the State's twenty-four jurisdictions. The Maryland Department of Aging will administer the grant in partnership with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Medicaid) and the Maryland Department of Disabilities.

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